



## THE DAILY SHORT STORY

### "Raffy."

In college Gideon Small's long neck won him the nickname of "Giraffe" Small, which a few weeks shortened to "Raffy," and the title fitted so well that it stuck even after he received his degree and started to pay back some of the money borrowed for his education by a brief season of teaching.

The popular verdict at Harrington, where he was principal of the little high school, was never more openly reflected than when "Raffy" began calling on Millicent Warren. But young men were scarce in Harrington, and Millicent's scornful young brothers suffered the teacher's

attentions until the Christmas vacation, when Bob Overton came home from college. In his careless, all-conquering, athletic way, Bob had been one of Millicent's admirers; but now, finding a rival, albeit a humble one, he returned to her shrine with renewed fervor. But, for some unaccountable reason, the teacher refused to seek the background.

Bob Overton was used to having his own way with girls, and he began to chafe. Finally he resolved "to show that four-eyed pedagog his place." The opportunity came one evening when he boarded a trolley car to find his rival there with Millicent beside him. They were going to the town's one theater, a